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TRAINING OF PILOTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a scheme for training of pilots of Indian Air Force by the Russian group before acquiring MIG-29 from Russia; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal for procuring MiG-29 from Russia by the Indian Air Force (IAF) in the near future. Hence, there is no scheme formulated for training of IAF pilots. However, for the initial induction of MiG-29 aircraft in 1987, the first batch of pilots were trained in Russia.